

# Irish Red & White Setter



The Red and White Setter was the original Irish Setter. Like the other Setters he was traditionally used by falconers, indicating the presence of game by going into a 'set' or 'freeze' when he scented game. Before the invention of gunpowder, he was used with nets and the hunters would come and throw nets over the crouching birds which the dogs had located.

The Irish Red and White was the preferred Setter because its colours made it easier to spot when working at a distance. The breed suffered from the later popularity of the Red Setter and the population dwindled in the first decades of the 20th century. Fortunately, in recent years, there has been a revival of interest.

## What health screening is currently relevant?

Kennel Club Accredited Breeders must use, or are strongly recommended to use, the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams:

- **Eye testing**
- **DNA test - CLAD**  
Canine Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency (CLAD) AHT  
[www.aht.org.uk](http://www.aht.org.uk)
- **DNA test - vWD**  
von Willebrand's Disease (vWD) AHT  
[www.aht.org.uk](http://www.aht.org.uk)
- **BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme**

